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## Shuster Secures \$293,500 in Funding to Help Revitalize Sections of Altoona through the Nehemiah Project

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Bill Shuster is pleased to announce that he has secured \$293,500 for the Nehemiah Project in Altoona to continue their work in revitalizing portions of the Lower Fairview section of Altoona.

"The funding I secured for the Nehemiah Project will be put to good use immediately to improve the lives of families throughout the Lower Fairview section of Altoona," Shuster said. "I am encouraged by the dedication I see in everyone who has been involved in the Nehemiah Project and the great strides they have made since my last visit there in March. I look forward to seeing the results of this funding."

The \$293,500 will be used by the Pleasant Valley Assembly of God's Nehemiah Project to acquire, renovate and redevelop buildings in Lower Fairview. This work will eliminate blight and improve the quality of life for local residents.

"Our project has progressed immensely since the Congressman's last visit, and we are nearing the completion of our community center," said Phil Luciano, Nehemiah's grant writer. "Once it is complete, we will be able to begin the direct rehabilitation and restoration of the many houses in the Lower Fairview area by eradicating as much of the blighted and condemned properties as possible."

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